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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

LARREN F. JONES ET AL.

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FOR: WEAR ASSEMBLY FOR A DIGGING
EDGE OF AN EXCAVATOR

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EXAMINER: V. BATSON

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 74-114:

74. A wear assembly for an excavator having a lip with a digging edge, the wear assembly comprising:

a mount adapted to be fixed to an excavator lip, the mount including a front structure that is bent to engage along the front of the digging edge, a rear structure rearward of the front structure and having a first shoulder that extends generally away from the digging edge, and a bearing surface;

a wear member including a rear structure having a second shoulder that engages the first shoulder to hold the wear member to the mount and prevents release of the

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